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## Campaigns heat up as election grows near

Ashley Lawrence  
Staff Writer

With less than three weeks until the special election Dec. 2, campaigns are gearing up on both sides of legalized gambling questions in Romulus.

Romulus voters will determine the fate of both casino gambling and horseracing in their community when they cast their ballots.

Supporters and opponents of

*We think there is a lot of support for this in Romulus*

**Steve Mitchell**

both questions are attempting to sway voters to their side of the questions.

Steve Mitchell, a spokesman for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians who plan to build a casino on 40 acres of land

in the city said they are focusing on getting the question of gambling approved by the citizens.

"We are doing some telephone calling and direct mailing to Romulus residents to let them know the benefits of a casino,"

said Mitchell. "We intend to run an aggressive campaign."

The tribe proposed a \$350 million casino, conference center, golf course and hotel, which representatives for the tribe believe would bring an anticipated 17,500 people to Romulus each day. It would have more than 2,500 slot machines and 90 table games. Mitchell estimated that this casino would add 3,500 jobs to the local economy.

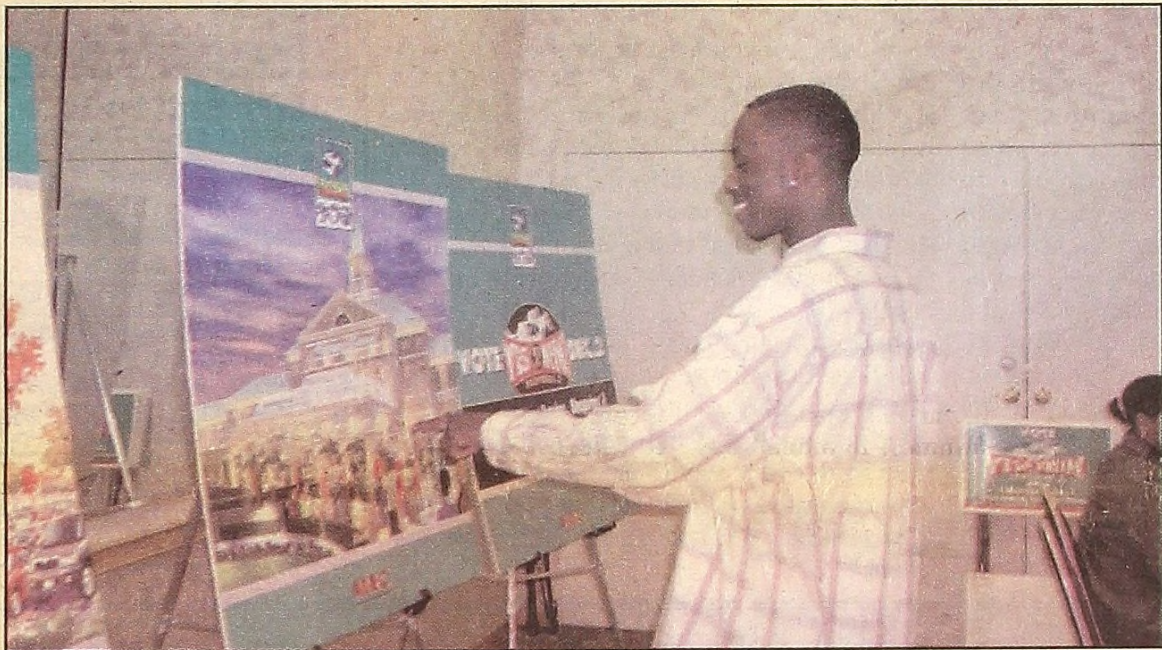
The Chippewa Tribe currently

owns and operates five casinos, including the Kewadin Casinos located in the Upper Peninsula, as well as 15 non-gaming businesses. They are well known in southeastern Michigan for their 95 percent ownership in the Greektown Casino downtown.

"We think there is a lot of support for this in Romulus," said Mitchell.

In addition to the current

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Rayvon Clyburn, an 18-year-old resident of Romulus attended the Magna Entertainment Corp. job fair Nov.10 looking to find employment with the proposed racetrack.

## Racetrack career fair draws crowds of residents, job seekers

Ashley Lawrence  
Staff Writer

Magna Entertainment Corp. (MEC) hosted a jobs fair at the Best Western in Romulus Monday to allow Romulus residents a first look at jobs that will be available if a proposed racetrack is built.

"We want people in Romulus to know that jobs will be available for them," said John Trescott, representative of MEC. "This is a forum for residents to come down, get information and turn in a pre-application to work at the new racetrack."

The event - which brought more than 700 Romulus residents out - proved to give some hopeful news about the future.

Michelle and Albert Randall of Romulus said they attended the fair in hopes of finding some full-time work with benefits.

"It is hard finding a job today," said Albert Randall, a laid-off union construction worker. "I never know when I am going to work and for how long. The racetrack would bring jobs to this city and that is what we need right now."

Michelle Randall applied for a cleaning position and her husband applied for a number of job openings from the ground breaking to the opening of the track.

"It would be nice to help build the track and

then to work in it."

This sentiment was heard throughout the banquet hall at the fair. People said they were looking for better pay, benefits or just employment.

Also present at the fair were a number of local supporters of the racetrack.

"We think it would be good for the city," said Al Rafalski, a 72-year resident of Romulus. "It would give people who need jobs, jobs."

Loretta Renke, a 69-year resident of Romulus agreed.

"Most of the people in Romulus don't make the kind of money the racetrack is offering," she said.

"Most people don't make \$40,000 a year in Romulus. Maybe we could keep our young people here with that type of money, instead of them leaving to go work in other cities."

"What could be the downside of this racetrack?" asked Joe Dolencic, a 75-year resident of Romulus.

"It will help the city and the people in it, what is the downside to that?"

Visitors to the fair were supplied with yard signs that read, "Yes 2 Win", to show support of the racetrack.

Duane Frink and Ollie Turner both gathered a group of yard signs to distribute in Romulus.

"Anything to bring jobs and money to the city," said Turner.

## Dingell waits for voters' Dec. 2 gaming decision

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Staff Writer

Romulus residents will go to the polls Dec. 2 to tell city leaders if they approve of the proposed casino and racetrack. They have the full support of U.S. Rep. John Dingell (D-Dearborn).

"We are waiting to see what the people of Romulus want," said Dingell. "I do not live there, I do not vote there and I do not want to decide something that is not mine to decide."

Dingell introduced a bill in July that would settle certain land claims of the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians with a site in Romulus.

In order for the casino to be built in Romulus, this bill must be approved by Congress. Dingell said he believes he can deliver that approval if the voters of Romulus so choose.

This is a drastically different view from that of U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Brighton) who last week announced that House Majority Leader Tom Delay (R-Texas) has promised him that this bill will never be approved. Delay has not verified that claim.

"He (Rogers) has weighed in heavily on this issue before," said

Sylvia Warner, spokesperson for Rogers. "He understands what happens when you begin to depend on gambling for economic development."

When asked if two congressmen, Rogers and Delay, could stop this bill regardless of the outcome of the Dec. 2. vote, Warner replied, "Yes, it happens all the time. The vote is simply an advisory vote, the Congress will have the final say in the matter."

According to Warner, these two congressmen, out of 435, can determine the fate of the measure because Delay schedules bills for passage. He will simply not schedule this bill, she said.

"We'll see about that," said Dingell. "It is not my business to tell the people of Romulus what to do, it is my job to see to it that their business is conducted most satisfactory to them in Congress. I would say that they (Rogers and Delay) should tend to their own business and stay out of mine."

Mayor Alan Lambert agreed with Dingell. "I have the utmost faith in John Dingell. He has been in Congress for 48 years for a reason. Those other congressmen need to worry about their own people and let John Dingell worry about us."

## Senator blasts new pollution rules

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Staff Writer

State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) publicly criticized the recent decision by the Bush administration to ease Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rules regarding the intentional release of raw sewage into rivers, lakes and coastal waters last week.

Basham stated that the changes not only fail to take into account policy improvements that he had championed, but

actually serve to weaken existing standards on water quality.

"What the Bush administration is proposing is letting hundreds of communities dump millions of gallons of raw sewage directly into our rivers and streams," said Basham. "Dumping on such a massive scale puts the public in direct threat from disease carrying microbes and puts an already fragile ecosystem under greater stress."

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# Who's who

## Local musician, artist named to roster of famous

Meghan Chatham  
Staff Writer

Sometimes a jack-of-all-trades can be master of all, too.

Charlotte Moore-Viculin, a Dearborn Heights resident, will be profiled in the *Who's Who In America* biographical directory based on her contributions to the worlds of art and music.

Moore-Viculin, owner of the Charlotte Moore-Viculin Studios of Art and Music in Plymouth, found out last month that she would be included in the 2004 edition of *Who's Who*. The book, published by Marquis, is due out later this month.

"Almost a year ago I received word that several of the organizations I belong to nominated me for inclusion," said Moore-Viculin. "Apparently my name came in from several organizations."

Moore-Viculin isn't sure which of the numerous professional organizations she belongs to submitted her name. She said that she never thought to ask.

"I was just thrilled to be nominated," she said. Moore-Viculin said that her family, including her husband, Richard, and her sister, Susan Moore, is equally as excited about the upcoming biography.

Moore-Viculin, who describes herself as a "self-employed portrait artist, mural painter, pianist, vocalist, music arranger, teacher, and professional music judge," said she had to document her "entire life" to support her

nomination. Several pages and a lot of thought later, she had compiled a comprehensive list of her professional and personal accomplishments and background, which she submitted to the editors.

After examining her biography, she was selected to appear in the volume. Moore-Viculin credits her "overall lifetime achievement" for her spot in the directory.

"I've had some wonderful things happen to me over the years," she said.

She said that in conversations with the editor of the book, she was told she had been selected because she effectively had two full-time careers and because she had accomplished a lot within these two careers.

For example, she said that several years ago she had arranged a song entitled *Two Peninsulas* which was approved by the State Senate as the official state song. However, she said that there is little push to get it approved in the House of Representatives at the moment. The State House would also have to

approve the proposal for the composition to become the official state song. In the world of art, Moore-Viculin said that she is just as proud of a portrait of a four-star general she painted a few years ago for a Michigan armory that was being renamed in his honor.

In addition, she said that she is currently working on several interesting projects, but that she is not at liberty to discuss them until they are officially unveiled.

"I'm doing an important mural and an important portrait right now," she said.

High levels of achievement are nothing new for Moore-Viculin. Her achievements were recognized nationally in 1991, when she was named National Career Woman of the Year.

She said that she attended the Detroit Conservatory of Music from the age of 5 until the age of 15. She graduated at the age of 15 with a combined degree in performance and teaching.

"I was the youngest graduate they ever had," said Moore-Viculin.

She attended Wayne State University, where she received dual degrees in art and music. She opened her first studios in Detroit in 1969, and moved them to Livonia in 1977. Her final move was to Plymouth, where her studios have been located since 1980.

According to Moore-Viculin, A.N. Marquis published the first edition of *Who's Who In America* in 1899 to chronicle "the lives of the most accomplished individuals and innovators from every significant field of endeavor—including politics, business, medicine, law, education, art, religion, and entertainment."



Charlotte Moore-Viculin

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# Trip eases mayor's mind about proposed casino

Ashley Lawrence  
Staff Writer

Mayor Alan Lambert recently met with members of the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and local elected officials in Sault Ste Marie. The meeting took place during a fact-finding mission to see first-hand the relationship with the community where the tribe owns and operates a casino.

While in Sault St. Marie, Lambert met with a number of officials including the

chief of police, the chief judge and the mayor.

"I was very impressed with the relationship the tribe has with the community," said Lambert. "They are an integral part of the operation."

Lambert also toured facilities in Sault Ste Marie that were paid for using revenues the city received from the casino.

First he visited a medical/health center, which he described as new and very highly respected. Then he toured a recreation center that provides a variety of programs

for the community.

"The recreation center was incredible," said Lambert. "And that is something we need here in Romulus, a place for the community to go and participate in different events and programs, but we don't have the money to do that right now."

Lambert was also very impressed with the relationship the tribe had with the community - not just with leaders - but also with the residents themselves.

"I talked with several residents who had favorable comments on the tribe,"

said Lambert. "It eased my mind about bringing a casino into Romulus."

Lambert has since written a letter to the residents of Romulus informing them that he is going to vote yes on Proposal One during the special election Dec. 2.

"I see all of the things this casino could bring to our city," he said. "Especially things like a recreation/senior center. It is very promising."

Overall Lambert said he believes if this casino if approved, would be the catalyst the City of Romulus needs to thrive.



Romulus Community Middle School students got the opportunity to go SCUBA diving at Another World Diver Supply as part of a class unit on diving. Left, Tanya Aldridge, Amy Park, social worker, Joe Stelline, part owner of Another World Diver Supply, Andrew Hackney and Shannon Bratcher.

## Students see the world under water

Ashley Lawrence  
Staff Writer

Romulus Middle School students recently got a real treat when science teacher, DeAnn Covert and social worker Amy Park combined to design a special cross curriculum unit on diving.

Students first learned about the Cayman Islands-a hotbed for diving enthusiasts-by reading books about the climate, geography, customs, cooking, art, jewelry, music and the local currency.

They also wrote essays about the Cayman region in English class and culminated their studies with a trip to the Detroit Science Center to watch an IMAX production of "Coral Reefs".

In science class they studied the Archimedes Principle, thermo climes and underwater light/sound properties.

This knowledge was then supplemented with math class information about reading charts, graphs and effectively reading a compass.

With all of their newly-attained information intact, the students were ready to get a first hand view of diving.

The Community Middle School students were then visited by Joe Stelline, part owner of Another World Diver Supply and Master Diver Stephen Covert who talked about diving for their own experiences.

The climax of this lesson was a visit to the diving facilities at Another World Diver Supply in Dearborn Heights. Students participated in a beginning diving class entitled Discover SCUBA, the first training session for new divers.

Stelline, a Romulus Schools alumni donated his pool, SCUBA gear and expertise to provide a memorable experience for the CMS students.

## Campaign - Both sides seeking votes

FROM PAGE 1

direct mail and telephone efforts, the tribe has planned a jobs fair for later this month to provide information to those interested in working for the proposed casino.

Magna Entertainment Corp. (MEC), the company proposing a racetrack in Romulus has also set up a campaign to inform Romulus voters about the issue of the proposed racetrack.

"We are really trying to simply get information out to the voting public," said John Truscott, representative for MEC. "The more people know about this proposal, the more inclined they will be to vote for it at the special election."

Truscott said he wants people to understand exactly what the City of Romulus will gain from this racetrack.

"The jobs total that this project would bring to the city of Romulus is about 3,300," he said. "This is including the spin off jobs from the racetrack. However, 1,200 direct jobs at the racetrack will be created."

He said the track and retail portion of the project during a 12-year period will create \$70 million in direct tax revenues for the City of Romulus as well as \$10 million in breakage funds.

MEC is getting the word out in similar methods, telephone calling, direct mailing and a jobs fair this week at the Best Western in Romulus.

"We want people to learn as much as they can about the racetrack," he said. "And we are willing to do whatever we can to help voters do just that."

MEC has already purchased land in Romulus on which to build the racetrack for an esti-

mated \$28 million.

"We have also already spent \$1 million on engineering and planning," said Truscott. "We are very committed to this project."

At the forefront of the campaign against both the casino and racetrack proposals is the Rev. Arthur C. Willis, pastor of Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church.

Willis, who pushed the petition drive in September for the special election on the question has been outspoken on the matter from the beginning.

Willis recognizes that his efforts are that of a grass roots campaign to try and get the message out to vote no on both proposals.

"We don't have the money that the casino and the racetrack have to get our message out," said Willis. "We are just going door to door and informing people about what gambling brings with it. A lot of people have never thought about the damage it brings with it."

Willis is adamant that this issue is about more than just gambling, it is about what a gambling establishment brings to a community, he said.

At a recent city council meeting, Willis said that, as a pastor, he sees what happens to the community when gambling is permitted.

"We see the destruction this causes families, we see the senior citizens going and gambling to try to get enough money to buy their medicine," said Willis.

"You can always shine a car to make it look good, but it may have no engine inside. That is what you have here, a shiny car with no engine inside."

## Sewage - New plan called unsafe

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Federal regulations currently require sewage to run through a series of treatment steps designed to kill bacteria and protect public health. However, the Bush administration's proposed rule changes will allow for the dumping of untreated sewage directly into waterways as a way of dealing with run off during high rains.

Basham had requested tougher EPA regulations following the Aug. 11 blackout that forced the Detroit Water and Sewage Department to dump roughly a million gallons of raw

sewage into the Detroit River.

The dumping, which environmentalists say caused serious damage to the local ecosystem, could have been avoided if the sewage facility had sufficient back-up generators.

Basham proposed that all of the water treatment facilities in the nation be evaluated to ensure that they had adequate back-up generating power on site to avoid a similar incident.

"It troubles me that something as serious as the dumping of almost a million gallons of raw sewage into the Detroit River was not enough of a wake up call for the EPA," he said.

## Local man fires on Inkster court officer

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Two Inkster court officers were surprised Thursday when they drove into a drive-by shooting in progress.

Court officers Ron Wade and Zack Bruner, who work at the 22nd District Court in Inkster, were delivering various summons throughout the city at about 1:20 a.m. when they saw a large, dark sedan spray several bullets from a semi-automatic machine gun at a home on the south side.

Wade said he doubts the alleged shooter, Lucias Walker, and his accomplice noticed the unmarked police vehicle headed for the intersection, and that the

officers were not the target of the gunfire.

"They were probably trying to shoot up the house," he said Friday. "I don't think they even saw us. When we heard the shots, we just ducked and contacted the police with everything."

After the offices realized they were under fire, they radioed information about the whereabouts of the vehicle, the license plate number of the vehicle and information about the suspects to Inkster police dispatch. The shift commander was able to race to scene shortly thereafter and apprehended Walker.

The accomplice, whose name is being withheld by police until a warrant for his arrest is issued by the Wayne County Prosecu-

tor's office, escaped on foot, said Inkster Det. Anthony Abdallah.

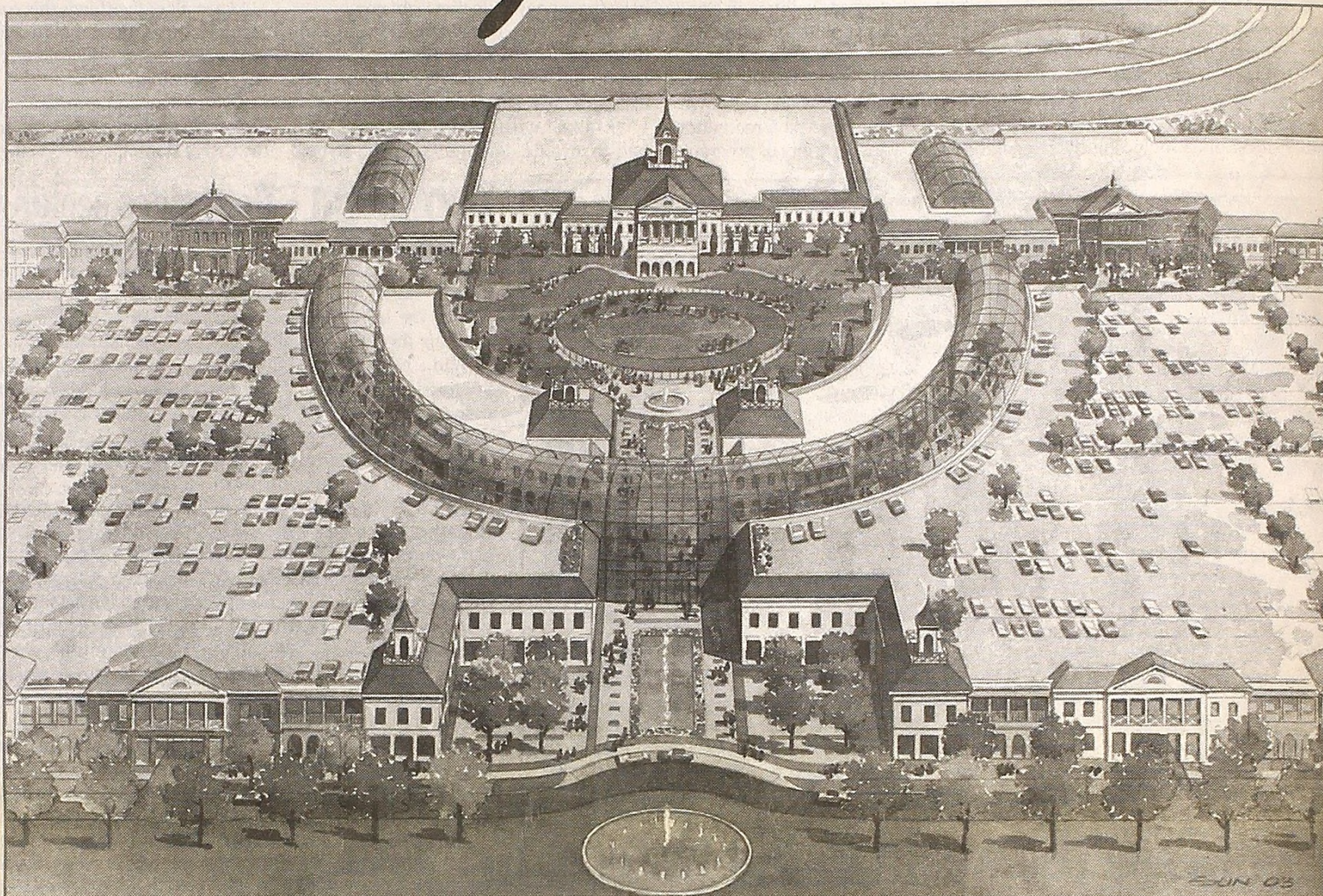
Walker, who lives in Romulus, was taken into custody and arraigned on one count of felonious assault and another count of felony gun charges. If convicted of the charges, he could face about 15 to 20 years in prison.

Abdallah said 22nd District Court Chief Justice Sylvia James recused herself from the case because the officers work in the court. He said the chief Circuit Court judge in Wayne County will make a determination about what jurisdiction the case will be moved to.

The other suspect is currently being held on \$15,000 cash bond at the Wayne County Jail, Abdallah said.



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# Hope for the holidays

## Local center plans workshops, fundraisers to aid grieving surning holidays

Meghan Chatham  
Staff Writer

Losing a loved one is never easy, and the traditions and festivities of the holidays can intensify grief beyond bearing. Luckily, the New Hope Center for Grief Support is there to help. The center will offer a free holiday workshop on from 7 until 8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1 at Ward Presbyterian Church, located at 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville.

According to Sandy Prebenda, outreach and special events coordinator for New Hope Center, the workshop is designed to help adults cope with the grief associated with the loss of a loved one amid the emotional upheaval of the holidays.

"The holidays can be very challenging times for people who are grieving," said Prebenda.

She said that the workshop would teach people ways to cope with this grief, including finding ways to honor lost loved ones, such as through a special ornament dedicated to their memory, as well as ways to communicate

their grief to others.

"Don't not talk about (lost loved ones) during the holidays," said Prebenda.

The ultimate goal of the program is simple: helping people to cope with their loss.

"When people walk away, they are going to go into the holidays armed to get through it as best they can," she said.

She expects between 40 and 50 people to take advantage of the workshop. There is no need to register. If interested, simply drop in. For more information, contact 248-374-5966.

In addition, the center, in conjunction with Superb Homes, Inc., is hosting a holiday open house in Northville Stonewater Community, at an 8,000 square foot model home located at 17925 Ridgeview Dr. off Seven Mile, just west of Beck. Complimentary valet parking will be available.

"This is our third year doing this in a model home," said Prebenda. "To have it in a home setting is wonderful. A lot of the people who come are grieving, and it's comfortable."

According to Prebenda, the

event will feature tours of the home, which has an elevator, home theater, sauna, unique master bath and wine cellar. There will also be live music provided by guitarists Kris Kurzawa and Ben Luttermoser. Hors d'oeuvres will be offered, courtesy of Bonfire Bistro, Brann's Steakhouse, Charley's Grille, Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall, Helen's Uptown Café, Papa Romano's, and Rocky's of Northville.

Central to the party is the Angel of Hope Memorial Tree. The tree allows each party member to hang a small angel ornament, emblazoned with a name and message, on the tree in memory of lost loved ones.

"If we get 200 people, I'd be

thrilled," Prebenda said.

Tickets to the event are \$25 per person, \$15 of which is tax-deductible.

All proceeds will benefit the New Hope Center various bereavement services. This year, Prebenda hopes to generate \$5,000. Last year, she said that the event netted the organization \$3,500.

Although the organization is called a "Christian based bereavement outreach center," Prebenda said that the tie to religion is through the treatment of all people with kindness and consideration, rather than through quoting Bible verses to grieving participants.

"We open our arms to everybody. Grief makes no distinc-

tions," said Prebenda, adding that no matter what religious views a person holds, they will be welcome at center events.

Among the services the center provides is a support group for widows and widowers with young children that meet at the same time as support groups for the children.

"Parents don't have to have a sitter, and children are grieving too," said Prebenda.

In addition, there are support groups geared for widows and widowers whose children are grown, and for retirement aged widows and widowers. There are also groups that meet for those who had a loved one die on Sept. 11 and a pet loss support group. The center maintains a large lending library of books on grief and grieving, and offers referrals for area grief counselors for individuals desiring one-on-one counseling. These grief support services are provided free of charge.

For more information, call the center at 248-348-0115, or visit the web site at [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net).

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL  
HELD OCTOBER 27, 2003 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS,  
MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Pro-Tem Debbie Romak.

Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William A. Crova, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.  
Excused: Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.  
Absent: None.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:  
Alan Lambert, Mayor  
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the agenda as amended.\*

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-436

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held October, 13, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-437

3AL Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to grant a no-fee permit to solicit door to door to Americans of Today for six (6) months, based on Romulus Police Department recommendation.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - Crova. Motion Carried.

03-438

3A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to approve the request of Elro Corporation to vacate the remaining portion of Buckingham Avenue (a.k.a. Hunt Avenue), Burlingame Avenue (a.k.a. Moore Avenue), LaSalle Avenue (a.k.a. Delano Avenue) and Westminister Avenue (a.k.a. Wahrman Avenue) of Rodgers' Ecorse Estates Subdivision as well as remaining portions of 20 foot wide Public Alley.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to accept the Chairman's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-439

5. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova for the purposes of clarifying the City Council's position on the land use issue in connection with the PDA Proposal for a proposed Horse Track, as presented by Michigan Racing, is as follows:

• The City has clarified to the applicant from the time of initial submissions that a horse race track, essentially standing on its own, does not conform with the permitted uses allowed in the RC, Regional Center District.

• The intent of the RC District is to "promote large scale commercial and office developments" which are "planned to complement each other". Various commercial and office uses are permitted. In addition, the RC District permits, "Lounges, theater and entertainment establishments." Within this ordinance framework, the City has been consistent that a horse race track, merely standing on its own, was not the contemplated scale and !Me of use (as indicated by "lounge" and theater") within the authorization of an "entertainment establishment." Based upon the stated intent of the RC District, the contemplation is for large scale commercial and office developments.

• The conclusion that the race track, standing alone, is not consistent with the intent of the RC District has been confirmed by the City's Planning Consultant, LSL.

• Thus, the City Council informally concluded, again consistent with the opinion of LSL, that, if there were a meaningful mixed-use component of the development, and an office research building, the horse race track would take on an entirely different scale and type of use which could be deemed to be within the intent and spirit of the RC District.

• Accordingly, the Council informally determined that, if the horse race track was accompanied by the office research building and a mixed-use component, the overall context of the horse race track would be considerably different, and the scale and type of use, viewed as a whole within the RC District could be included as part of the PDA assuming all other aspects of the PDA could be agreed upon.

• The Council was induced to commence negotiations on a PDA agreement based upon a representation by the applicant that the three components, horse race track, office research building and mixed-use component, would be included as part of the project construction. However, Michigan Racing has attempted to delay detailed planning and development of the mixed-use component. The City has attempted to accommodate the applicant in this regard, provided that a means could be devised for assuring that the mixed-use component would be developed within a reasonable time.

• To date, no feasible means of assuring that the mixed-use component would be developed within a reasonable time has been agreed upon.

Therefore, the City Council clarifies that the PDA Agreement and Site Plan must include either a provision for at least some meaningful portion of a mixed-use component of the development as part of the first phase of the project, along with a general plan for future mixed-use development in the text and/or plan; or, the PDA Agreement and Site Plan shall clarify the circumstances under which the mixed-use component shall be required as a future phase of the overall development, for example, a market analysis or other alternatives. If the applicant is in disagreement with this Motion in terms of the uses permitted in the RC District, the applicant may file an application under the Zoning Ordinance provision for resolving disputes involving unspecified uses.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - Miller, Romak. Motion Carried.

03-440

5A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the "Amendment to Contract Sale" for the 59 acres of property located along Pennsylvania Road with Centex Homes which will allow Centex an additional four (4) months to obtain permits.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-441

5B. Motion by Buroff, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of D.P.W. Director, Carl Brooks and Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway to award Bid 03/04-21 - 2004 Bulk Road Salt, to the only bidder, Morton Salt Company at a per ton bid price of \$35.89.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-442

5C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with he recommendation of D.P.W. Director, Carl Brooks and Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway, and award Bid 03/04-09 - Water Service Parts to the lowest qualified bidder, ETNA Supply Company with their contract to expire June 26, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-443

5D. Motion by Burcroff by Prybyla introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-17.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
<b>Community Devel.Block Grant Expenditures:</b>			
252-2250-722.85-11			
Lien Repaid Program Income	0.00	180,685.87	180,685.87
252-2250-722.85-13			
Housing Rehab 01-24-14-14A	0.00	10,357.69	10,357.69
252-2250-722.85-37			
Senior Citizens 02-24-05A	0.00	23,195.56	23,195.56
252-2250-722.85-38			
Administration 02-24-21A	0.00	20,620.00	20,620.00
<b>Revenues:</b>			
252-2250-512.50-10			
Federal Grant/Grant Revenue	207,000.00	54,173.25	261,173.25
252-2250-512.50-20			
Repayment of Liens	50,000.00	180,685.87	230,685.87

To allocate revenues and offsetting expenditures through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for projects approved under the Community Development Block Grants programs that are carry overs from FY02/03.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-444

5E. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to authorize payment of invoice #060103 Sencog Annual 2003 Membership Dues in the amount of \$3,130.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-445

5F. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to authorize payment of invoice #300-013, 2003/2004 Annual Membership Dues with the Conference of Western Wayne in the amount of \$5,112.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-446

6A1. Motion by Burcroff supported by Crova to schedule a Public Hearing for a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Award 2003 Presentation for Monday,



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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller,  
Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.  
Excused: None.  
Absent: None.  
Administrative Officials in Attendance: Alan Lambert, Mayor, Linda R. Choate,  
CMC, Clerk, Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova, to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,  
Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-420

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular  
meeting of the Romulus City Council held October 6, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,  
Wadsworth. Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A1. Presentation by Scott Roberts, re: Metro Airport Noise Compatibility Program.

3A2. Petitioner not in attendance.

3A3. Casino presentation by representatives of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indian  
Tribe.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to accept the Chairman’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,  
Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-421

5A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to defer taking action regarding a pro-  
posed motion from special legal counsel, Gerald Fisher, to the Council meeting of  
October 27, 2003, clarifying the City’s position on land uses in connection with the  
proposed Planned Development Agreement (PDA).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - Burcroff,  
Crova, Gear. Motion Carried.

03-422

5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to recognize and deem the Wabash  
Freight Building as blighted and obsolete to comply with HUD requirements for  
receipt of grant funds for its restoration.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,  
Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-423

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to authorize payment to the Downriver  
Community conference for our annual membership dues in the amount of \$4,750.00  
and Downriver Mutual Aid in the amount of \$15,277.5 1.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,  
Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-424

5D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to grant authorization to purchase  
61 Bullet Resistant Vests from Michigan Quality Second Chance on a previously  
awarded bid at a total cost of \$21,350.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,  
Wadsworth. Nays - None. , Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-425

5E. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to introduce Budget Amendment  
03/04-16.

FUND/DEPT.	CURRENT	AMENDED
ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET
Motor Vehicle & Equipment		
Expenditures.	567,768	1,500
661-4410-744.80-05	Machinery & Equipment	569,268
Retained Earnings	AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE
Motor Vehicle & Equipment	1,274,232	1,500
		1,272,732

To appropriate additional funds for the purchase of upgrading the 115 volt power  
inverters on the three light duty EMS vehicles already in production to better operate  
the electrical hydraulic pump for the extrication (Jaws of Life) equipment.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,  
Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-426

5E. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to grant authorization for the  
Department of Public Works to proceed with the necessary emergency repairs to the  
John Deere Grader from AIS Construction Equipment Company at a cost of  
\$2,900.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,  
Wadsworth, Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-427

6A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to rescind Resolution 03-383, a  
resolution which adopted the following official city policy.

RESOLUTION 03-383

Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to adopt an official policy that prior to  
the City Administration acting on pending, present, or proposed legislation  
whether state or federal, or any and all other official business; it must first be  
presented to the City council of the City of Romulus for adoption of an appro-  
priate resolution affirming councils position. Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -  
Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-428

6A1b. Motion by Miller, supported by Romak to table recession of Resolution  
03-383.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Miller, Prybyla, Romak.. Nays - Burcroff, Crova,  
Gear, Wadsworth. Motion Failed.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution 03-427. Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays  
- Miller, Prybyla, Romak. Motion Carried.

03-429

6A2. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to adopt Budget Amendments  
03/04-11, 12, 13, and 15, introduced at the meeting held October 13, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,  
Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-430

6A3. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to rescind Resolution 03-353,  
reappointing two full time members and three alternate members to the Zoning Board  
of Appeals.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,  
Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-431

6A4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to approve second reading and final  
adoption of Appendix AZoning Amendment 1. 186 introduced at the meeting held  
October 13, 2003, to rezone Lot 813 Supervisors Romulus Plat No. 13 from R1B.  
(Single Family Residential) to M I (Light Industrial).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Abstain- Miller. Motion Carried.

03-432

6A5. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to introduce the General Business  
Registration Ordinance, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 17, of the Romulus Code of  
Ordinances which provides for registration of all businesses and providing penalties  
for violation thereof.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,  
Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-433

6A5b. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to adopt the new Business  
Registration Issuance Fee of fifty (\$50.00) dollars, pursuant to Section 17-7 (a)(4).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,  
Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-434

Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to forward a communication to Wayne  
County Commissioner Edward Boike; that the City of Romulus seeks permission to  
participate in the Part 150 Study and to appoint a representative to attend said meet-  
ings.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-435

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to grant authorization to pay Warrant  
03-19 in the grand total amount of One Million, One Hundred Fifteen Thousand, Two  
Hundred Seventy Six Dollars and Fifty Seven Cents (\$1,115,276.57).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -



OBITUARIES

GANNON, Thomas A.

Thomas A. Gannon, 59, of Nevada, died Oct. 8. Among his survivors are his sisters Janice Fry of Belleville and Marge Chumbley of Longwood, FLA; eight nieces and nephews and six great-nieces and nephews. Mr. Gannon was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Rose Gratoski. A memorial service was at Annunciation Catholic Church in Longwood. Interment was at the Florida National Military Cemetery in Bushnell.

MALLORY, George W.

George W. Mallory, 75, of Harrison, formerly of Ypsilanti, died Oct. 14 at home. Among his survivors is his wife, Grace Mallory of Harrison, a son, George R. Mallory of Las Vegas, NV; a daughter, Susan G. (David) Leitch of Garden City; brothers, Harvey (Kate) Mallory of Belleville, Frank (Lona) Mallory, also of Belleville; grandchildren Brian McCurdy, Todd (Blaina) McCurdy and Christopher and Ashley Leitch, and great-grandchildren, Travis, Katelyn, Melissa, Baccus, Dustin and Emma Lee.. Funeral services were at the Stocking Funeral Home in Harrison with Father Noel Rudy officiating.

BOWLES, Margaret C.

Margaret C. Bowles, 95, of Naples, FLA, formerly of Belleville, died Oct. 30 in Naples. Among her survivors are her children, Shirley M. (William) Hennells and Gary A. (Judy) Piper, all of Naples; a sister, Virena Lyke of South Lyon; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. A memorial services was at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father John R. Hagen officiating. Interment of cremains was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

SCHLENER, Betty J.

Betty J. Schlener, 29, of Romulus, died Nov. 2 in Detroit. Among her survivors are her parents, James Schlener and Sandra (Coker) Schlener; a brother, James Schlener; sisters, Willynda “Willie” (Larry Keller and Annette (Dennis) Korzetki, all of Romulus; eight nieces and nephews, and a great-nephew. Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. Richard Pingilley of North Ridge Church in Plymouth officiating. Interment was at Denton Cemetery in Belleville.

JOHNSTON, Ina Marie

Ina Marie Johnston, 84, of Belleville,

died Nov. 7 in Ypsilanti. Among her survivors are her children, Eleanor (Bob) Stroud, Francis (Ray) Garcia, all of Belleville, and Marletta (Kay) Daley of Albuquerque, NM, and five grandchildren. Mrs. Johnston was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion. A memorial service was at the Woodhaven Free Will Baptist Church. Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

KEITH, Elizabeth K.

Elizabeth K. “Kathy” Keith, 65, a 32-year resident of Sumpter Township, died Nov. 9 in Ann Arbor. Among her survivors are her husband of nearly 20 years, Richard Keith; her children, Jack Loar of Indiana, Brian Sykes of Grand Blanc, Greg Sykes of Adrian, Mary Summers of Belleville, Anthony Sykes of Grass Lake and Lolita Sykes of Ypsilanti; step-children Lisa Ensign of Romulus and Penny Godfrey of Harrison; brothers, Eddie Loar of North Carolina, James Loar of Maryland and Virgil Loar of Indiana, and 16 grandchildren. Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. James Southward officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

SOLOMON, Morgan A. T.

Morgan A. T. Solomon, 19, of Belleville, died Nov. 4, at home. Among his survivors are his parents, Morgan Abiodun and Ondreya Eva (Miller) Solomon of Belleville; siblings, Jabbarr (Tamika) Miller of Southfield, LaShawn Dillard of Detroit, Christina Solomon of Belleville and Angela Solomon of Belleville, and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services were at the First Missionary Baptist Church in Belleville with the Rev. Dr. E. Scales officiating. Interment was at Metropolitan Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

PRUITT, Ina Imogene

Ina Imogene Pruitt, 87, a 50-year resident of Belleville, died Nov. 6, in Wayne. Among her survivors are her children, Ralph B. Pruitt of Belleville and Dena R. (Robert) Ostrowski, also of Belleville; a brother, Rayburn A. Simmons of Tennessee; grandchildren, Paige (Charles) Dillon, Lori (Greg) Nowak, Rob (Cathy) Ostrowski, Jr., Sandy (Erik) Overmyer, Steven (Lynn) Ostrowski and Sherry (Dan) Yeager, and 17 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were at Grace Baptist Church in Belleville with the Rev. Robert J. White officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

WALKER, Vessie

Vessie Walker, 78, of Romulus, died Oct. 14. Among her survivors are her sisters, Minnie Davis and Emma Arnold and a niece, Hazel. Funeral services were at the First Baptist Church of Romulus with the Rev. O. Woolridge officiating. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

CARSON, Julia

Julia Carson, 89, of Romulus, died Oct. 21. Among her survivors are her daughter, Winifred Seals; sisters, Georgene, Sarah and Ann; grandchildren, Arietha and David, and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Star of Bethlehem Church in Romulus. Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

WAHRMAN, Frederick S.

Frederick S. Wahrman, 94, of Romulus, died Nov. 13. Among his survivors are his wife, Barbara (Wiggins) Wahrman; daughters, Susan (Jerry) Cichowski of Romulus and Deborah (Donald) Klug of Kalamazoo; a sister-in-law, Connie Wahrman of Florida; five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. Mr. Wahrman served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the Belleville Masonic Lodge. Funeral services were at Community United Methodist Church in Romulus with the Rev. William Kren officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home.

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None. Abstain -Crova. Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Linda. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

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November 3, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the City of Romulus Council Chambers, 1111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-447

6A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to adopt Budget Amendment 03/04-16, introduced at the regular council meeting held October 27, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes- Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-448

6A3. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to appointment the following to the Board of Zoning Appeals:

Fred Junior Block regular member, Term to expire 6-30-2006

Brooker Edwards regular member, Term to expire 6-30-2006  
Ed Buczkowski - Two Year Alternate member, Term to expire 6-30-2004  
Donald Morris - Three Year Alternate member, Term to expire 6-30-2005

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A4. No Action Taken.

03-449

8. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth in reference to the Goddard Road Joint deterioration, to authorize the attorney to proceed as recommended in the communication dated October 3, 2003 from Kevin I Watts, Seifman & Associates P.C.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-450

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to grant authorization to pay Warrant 0320 in the grand total amount of Five Hundred Seventy Three Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty Nine Dollars and Twenty Nine Cents (\$573,459.29).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Linda R. Choate  
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN  
NOTICE TO ELECTORS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a Special Election will be held in the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on Tuesday, December 2, 2003, from 7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m. in the evening, Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of voting on the following two proposals:

PROPOSAL-1

SHALL THE CITY OF ROMULUS ALLOW CASINO GAMING WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL AND REVENUE ACT 1997 PUBLIC ACT 69 AND/OR THE FEDERAL INDIAN GAMING REGULATORY ACT?

PROPOSAL-2

SHALL THE CITY OF ROMULUS ALLOW HORSE RACING, THE ATTENDANT PARIMUTUEL WAGERING, AND OTHER GAMING WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HORSE RACING LAW OF 1995, 1995 PUBLIC ACT 279.

Public notice is hereby given by the Romulus City Clerk in accordance with Section 168.653a of the Michigan Elections Law.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
City of Romulus

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November 27, 2003



# OPINION

## A vote of thanks

What a strange feeling it must be to leave public office after one has served.

Those who go into politics for the right reasons – to give back to the community, to have an impact on their fellow residents, to make things better than when they started – obviously have a passion for the work they do. At a local level, it takes a tremendous commitment that provides little in the form of a substantive payoff.

Often when local elected officials think of saying good bye to the people they've worked closely with for several years – their colleagues, municipal staff, neighbors – even though that goodbye is only in a professional capacity, it can leave them a little choked up.

That was the case Monday night in the City of Plymouth, the first of the municipalities in western Wayne County to alter the city commission after the election last Tuesday. New commission members were sworn in, a new mayor and mayor pro-tem selected, packets of information distributed to the newcomers in preparation for their first meeting Monday, when they'll actually have to get to work. There will be no honeymoon in the city.

Members of the commission also said goodbye to two of their strongest voices in Mayor Bill Graham and Mayor pro-tem Colleen Pobur.

When Pobur listed what she thought were some of the greatest accomplishments during her six years on the commission, it wasn't exactly what you would call an attention-getter. There were things like coordinating the street repairs and the sewer repairs and getting a road improvement plan back on track.

You could make the case that the biggest contributions made are those that people may not even notice, in the infrastructure of the community. Those in the know, however, recognize their importance, and it can be summed up in one word.

Stability.

It wasn't an easy process, but the city now has developed a comprehensive, efficient street improvement program. There is a city manager in place in Paul Sincock who has provided needed leadership and consistency.

More has been accomplished, of course. The city now has a master plan for recreation and has worked diligently on improving neighborhood parks, even though they've typically had less money with which to do it. They've helped shape upcoming developments and they gave the new commission the most important piece of information they'll need as they start to plan for the future of the city: an idea of how much money they'll have to spend as they go into the next budget cycle.

It's the same in other communities, as well. The City of Wayne will bid farewell to Bob Dickerson, who has served for 12 years on the council, including a stint as mayor.

Dickerson has to simply walk or drive around the town to see the impact he has had in the community. Parks are improved, a new fire station in place and a new police station under construction. The community center boasts an impressive indoor water facility. All of these improvements have happened under Dickerson's watch. They make up a solid community foundation that the incoming council won't have to trouble themselves too much with.

It's a good thing that this stability, this foundation is in place in these and other communities, because local elected officials will have their hands full with the budget hands they have all been dealt.

There truly won't be a honeymoon for new commissioners in Plymouth – they'll have to deal with issues as serious as police funding at their next meeting.

In Wayne, the budget will take the forefront of issues the council will face, as well.

Fortunately for these officials – and for us – they had forward-thinking predecessors that helped pave the way.



## Election defines candidates' character

Another election season is behind us and the republic will prevail.

It's with a mixture of relief and... well, OK, it's mostly just with relief that I mark the passage of another election cycle.

This year I had the opportunity to cover and watch campaigns in different places than I had in the past, specifically the City of Wayne, as well as the responsibility to report on elections in Plymouth and Northville. There are always some things that surprise me, and some things that don't.

In Wayne I was pleasantly surprised by the way some of the candidates handled other volunteer efforts in conjunction with their campaigns. Ed McMurray, who has headed up the volunteer effort behind Friends, People Helping People, had emblazoned his truck with decals that promoted his candidacy long before the day of the community-oriented build arrived.

He wanted to keep that volunteer effort separate from his campaign, though, so when the day came the 62-year-old parked his truck about half mile away. Don Hartford, who also volunteered on the day, did the same thing.

It's a refreshing change from politicians, local and state-wide alike, who tend to use those types of things as a photo opportunity. My favorite took place a couple of years ago when a candidate for city commission in Plymouth showed up at a community build with his own photographer. After the pictures were snapped, they left.

The most recent example took place at the city commission meeting Monday night. Peter Bunting, one of the candidates there, had run a good a cam-

paign as anyone could ask for. He attended all the city commission meetings, attended the citizen's academy, a course set up by the city to give people an inside look at municipal government. He attended all the informational meetings for the Proposal One ballot issue, and he didn't campaign negatively against his opponents. He came in last place, despite all of that.

It would be easy after that to throw up his hands and retreat back to the comfort of his house, but Monday night there he was, sitting in the front row as the new commissioners were sworn in and a new mayor and mayor pro-tem selected. I call that intestinal fortitude.

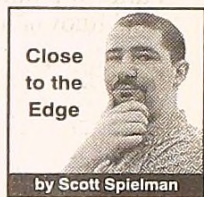
I'm still surprised, though, by politicians who are sore winners. Take Richard LeBlanc in Westland. Our paper didn't endorse him. He came in first place among the eight candidates for city council, effectively ousting incumbent Dennis LeMaitre.

He told our Westland reporter that he knew she didn't write the editorial, but he was still "pissed off" that he didn't get our endorsement.

Endorsements are not personal choices; those are made by individuals at the polls. It's a shame that some people take them so personally and foster such resentment. You'd think that their skin would be a little thicker, given the criticism that all politicians face, eventually, for something.

We didn't endorse McMurray for the Wayne race, either. He shook my hand on election night when I told him "better luck next time," and said he was just happy to have run a clean campaign.

Me too.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

## LETTERS

### Project manager thanks contributors

To the editor;

Originally, Millennium Park built three years ago, consisted of four baseball diamonds, three soccer fields, a restroom/concession building, picnic pavilion with restroom, playscape and a parking lot.

The new construction of a fire station on one of these existing soccer fields prompted the forward thinking of the Northville Township Board of Trustees to use 6 acres immediately east of the park donated by Pulte Homes for park expansion.

The scope of this addition included:

Two new soccer fields with proper drainage, irrigation, athletic turf and fencing.

1,900 feet of bike path through the park and including a bridge connecting the subdivisions and the west end of the park.

Correction of standing water problems between the baseball fields.

Upgrades to existing irrigation systems.

Necessary relocation of existing playscape and installation of a new one, complete with edging, under-drainage and treated chips for ground cover.

Additional concrete apron around restroom/con-

cession building.

Doubled paved parking area for 11 more cars.

Transplanted existing trees, removed dead ones and planted new ones.

This project has truly been a cooperative and well-budgeted venture, with many substantial donations coming from many sources. Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation contributed \$90,000 and the Northville Soccer Association \$15,000. Business donations came from Pulte Homes (John Schandavel), Stante Excavating (Nello Stante), B & B Sod (Bob Bryant), Arbor Hills Landfill (John Perugia), Davey Tree Commercial (Mark Jackson), Toll Brothers (Jim Hepler), masonry (Jim Thomson) and consultant (Marv Gans).

Thanks also go to Jeff Moon and his Northville Parks and Recreation Maintenance Staff and to Bob LaPlante and his Northville Township Maintenance Staff for helping to make this a reality.

The efforts of all of the above are greatly appreciated.

Marv Gans  
Northville Township trustee  
Consultant and construction  
manager Millennium Park Project

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## Annual salute

Plymouth Noon Rotary Club members who are veterans were honored by the club during the regular lunch meeting last Friday. Included in the honors were, back row (left to right): Art Butler, (luncheon guest) Nate Wiser, Roland Thomas Jr., Lou LaRiche, Ed Schulz, Bob Carrigan and Club President Kirk Kohn. In the front row, (left to right) are: George Loeffler, Tom Kennedy, John Gaffield, Al Stanwood, Dick Taylor, E. J. McClendon and Hal Cooper.

# Spotlight Players can be proud of ‘Odd Couple’

Sharon Emeigh  
Staff Writer

It was an evening of firsts at Summit on the Park last Friday for Canton Township and the Spotlight Players, although one facet of the evening was familiar—*The Odd Couple*.

A successful debut of Neil Simon’s 1965 comedy classic introduced the community theater troupe’s first dinner theater, under a new name and in a new hometown.

“Two men—one divorced and one estranged and neither quite sure why their marriages fell apart—move in together to save money for alimony and suddenly discover they’re having the same conflicts and fights they had in their marriages,” Simon stated in a treatment he submitted to Paramount in the 1960s.

Oscar, the slob, and Felix, the neat freak, were well represented by Jeff Trudeau and Sean Paraventi, respectively. His boyish mannerisms and appearance offset Trudeau’s colossal presence. Paraventi’s characterization of Felix’s obsessive quirkiness was just right against Trudeau’s Oscar. The two had the right chemistry to make the audience fall in love all over again with the unlikely best friends.

The poker-game sequence is one of the funniest scenes in the play thanks to the strong supporting cast. When Oscar’s cronies, Murray, played by Larry Rajda and Vinnie, played by Jerry Carney, fall under the spell of Felix’s perfect sandwiches, it was a nice example of what makes Neil Simon’s dialogue work.

The cuckoo Pigeon Sisters played by Karen Southworth

(Gwen) and Marian Fedewa (Cecily) were fabulously British. Their synchronous crying was as funny and infectious as their synchronous laughter.

Director Barbara Bloom and assistant director Mary Lynn Kuna, stuck to the original script other than some minor entertaining details that audience members are sure to spot. It was hardly believable, but true that people used to be able to buy a pack of cigarettes for 38 cents and a newspaper for a dime.

Direction was excellent as all of the action took place in the small set of Oscar’s apartment. Six big guys running around that place was a sight to behold in and of itself.

A different politician will make a cameo appearance every night—a clever and appropriate addition. Tom Yack, Canton

Township supervisor, did a superb job last week. Who knows? Maybe acting will pay off for the politicians...

The 60s décor was well done with attention to detail. Even the beers that the guys drank had 1960s labels on them.

For an opening night, the crew could not have done a better job and it will only get better during the next week.

The space the cast and crew had to work with was not ideal, but they did the best they could with the provisions they had. The Spotlight Players are obviously excited about moving into their new theater.

Upon invitation from Canton Township, Spotlight Players, formerly the Plymouth Theatre Guild will move into their new home at the Cherry Hill Village Theater in September 2004.

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# On the front line

## Congressman joins delegation to visit war zone in Iraq

Scott Spielman  
Editor

For most of us, images of the continuing conflict in Iraq are a part of everyday life.

We see the ravaged country on the television news, the world wide web and in newspapers as we hear of the latest fatalities and updates of the ongoing reconstruction efforts there.

But for U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia), the war recently took on a different perspective. McCotter was one of six members of a congressional delegation that toured portions of Kuwait and Iraq as they traveled throughout the Middle East to survey reconstruction efforts in Iraq.

They traveled on helicopters manned by machine gunners and in armored convoys as they visited several sites in the strife-ridden country, talked with troops and business officials.

"You knew you were heading into a war zone," McCotter said. "We were on the same kinds of convoys that had taken fire."

McCotter said he was selected for the delegation because he serves on several affected congressional committees, including the budget, small business and international relations. He had another reason for going, too. He wanted to see the efforts up close, in person.

ple, a power plant and an Iraqi police station, along with plenty of stops to talk with American troops.

What he saw, he said, reaffirmed many of the things he had believed about the unique situation there.

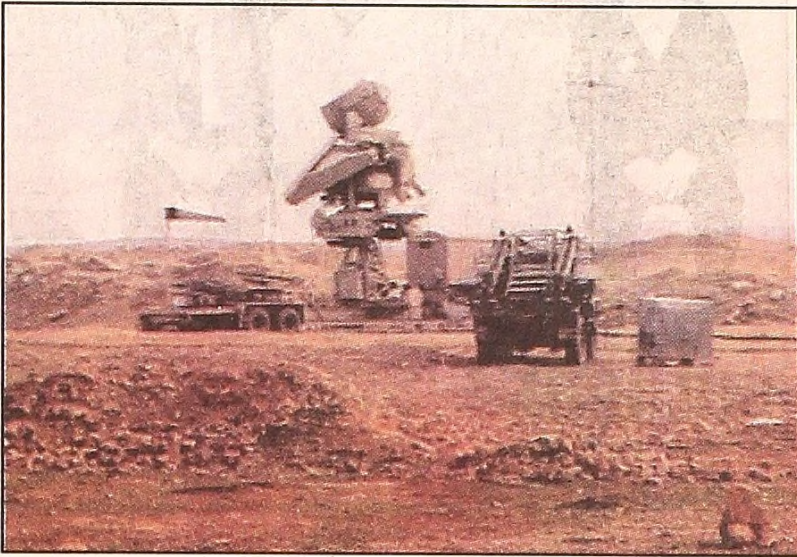
"This is the first time in history we're trying to rebuild a country that we're still at war with," he said.

While the military operation was going as well as could be expected, he said he was afraid that the political process was lagging behind.

"My grave concern is that, politically, we have to hasten the process to write a constitution and get it out to the Iraqi people," he said. "It sends a message that we're not going to be staying there forever."

Morale among the troops, he said, was high. He likened it to the three legs of a stool: troops want to know how long their tour of duty is, what their mission is, and have a way to be able to measure their success.

"If any one of those things is gone, everything else is magnified," he said. "They know all of those things, so morale is pretty good. Nobody is exactly happy they're there, but they're soldiers."



Scenes such as this were commonplace when U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and five other congressmen toured portions of Kuwait and Iraq as they traveled throughout the Middle East to survey reconstruction efforts. They traveled on helicopters and in armored convoys and talked with troops throughout the area.

**You knew you were heading into a war zone. We were on the same kinds of convoys that had taken fire.**

**Rep. Thaddeus McCotter**

throughout the region, in places like Tikrit, Basra and even in the Suni Triangle, near Saddam Hussein's hometown, which is currently where the bulk of the resistance is still strong. They visited an Iraqi prison where Hussein allegedly tortured peo-

McCotter said the final leg of the journey involved a stop in Germany, where the delegation met with American and German business officials and representatives of the German government. It also gave them a chance to visit the military hospital where the survivors of the Chinook helicopter crash were being treated.

"That was very hard," McCotter said. "They are all very brave."

McCotter said he was always

supportive of the decision to enter into the war with Iraq, and the visit and first hand look around in the troubled region did nothing to change that, except to strengthen it.

"It really confirmed what I thought," he said. "It re-emphasized it. Terrorists can only survive with state sponsorship. It's a matter of national security for me. We need a government there that will not support terrorism, will not foster it. It'll send a message to other countries."



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# SPORTS

## Chiefs top Rockets 24-6 in playoff battle

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

There were no super-human feats or heroic last-second plays in last week's Division 1 District Championship game between the Canton Chiefs and the John Glenn Rockets. It was straightforward smash-mouth high school football.

The Chiefs nudged past the Rockets with the 24-6 victory to remain undefeated and move on to play Detroit Catholic Central in the Region 3 finale tomorrow night in Canton.

This was the second time the two teams met with a similar outcome. The Chiefs were the only team to beat the Rockets in the regular season.

"I feel terrific," said Head Coach Tim Baechler. "Mentally it's tough to play a team again that you beat in the regular season. The normal feeling is that we already beat them and should be able to do it again, but the other team is geared up and don't want to lose again."

Devin Thomas led the Chiefs with 87 yards rushing on just seven carries and scored all three touchdowns of 21, seven and 44 yards but it was the consistent pro-

duction of the entire backfield including Thomas, Travis McKinney and Chuck Schumacher and the dominant offensive line that ultimately led to the victory on offense. McKinney ended the night with 78 yards on 11 carries.

Conservative, yet smart, play calling on the part of Baechler and quarterback Shawn Little showed the patience and maturity of a football team bound for greatness.

It only took four minutes for the Chiefs to leap ahead. On their first drive - led by the ground attack of McKinney, Schumacher and Little - it was Thomas that squeaked by defenders and dove for the pylon to score his first touchdown. Dutch Morrell hit the extra point to put the chiefs up 7-0.

Things turned ugly when Canton recovered a fumbled hand-off between the Rockets' quarterback Vinnie DeLuca and tailback Matt Smitherman on John Glenn's 33-yard line. Schumacher blasted through the line shortly after for a 26-yard score but it was called back on a holding penalty.

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The Plymouth Whalers shut out the Saginaw Spirit 3-0 last Friday night. Goalie Ryan Nie deflected 21 saves in his first shutout of the season.

## Whalers sweep Saginaw, lose to Windsor

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers finished last weekend 2-1, with a sweep of the Saginaw Spirit and a loss to cross-river rivals the Windsor Spitfires.

### Whalers 3, Spirit 2

The Whalers finished off the Spirit in a two game sweep on Sunday afternoon with a 3-2 victory in Saginaw.

The Whalers received help from rookies Jordan Grant and

Tony Iaquinto, who scored their first ever OHL goals. Vaclav Meidl added one goal in the win.

Meidl started the Whalers off fast with his goal, only 31 seconds into the game. Dan Collins and Brent Mahon assisted on the play. Tom Pyatt tied the score for Saginaw with a power play goal.

The Whalers started the second period off just as quickly with a goal from Iaquinto 45 seconds in. Grant was quick to follow up with a score at 2:25 to extend Plymouth's lead to 3-1. Jonas Fiedler recorded the assist

on the Grant goal.

The Spirit scored another power play goal by Mike Suggs to make it a 3-2 game and end the second period.

Plymouth goaltender Ryan Nie had 24 saves in the game and held the Spirit scoreless in the third period to take home the victory.

"The guys fought hard for this win and it was well deserved," Plymouth Whalers General Manager and Head Coach Mike

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# Playoffs

FROM PAGE 12

From there, the Rocket's tough defense came up big and tripped McKinney up in the backfield on a fourth-and-three play on their 14-yard line and recovered on downs. The rest of the first half was a defensive stand on both teams' part which resulted in a 7-0 Canton lead to end the half.

In the third quarter, Canton blocked a punt that resulted in a field goal by Morrell to make it a 10-0 game. Thomas punched in his second touchdown from 7

yards out with 3:55 left in the third quarter and Morrell added the extra point and made it 17-0.

The Rockets tried a fake punt on a fourth-and-seven play but they failed to convert it into a first down and turned the ball over to Canton. On the Chiefs' second play after regaining possession, Thomas out ran the defense 44 yards to score his third touchdown. Morrell booted his third extra point of the night to put Canton up by 24 points.

John Glenn's offense, on the verge of being shutout, opened up in the fourth quarter. However, it was too little, too late.

DeLuca spread the ball around

to four different receivers in Smitherman, Nathan Beard, John Adams and Alex Jachym but never put any points on the board until 1:48 left in the game when he hit Beard with a beautiful pass in the end zone for a 29-yard score. The two-point conversion failed and it was a 24-6 game to end the night.

John Glenn played a tough game and never gave up. Their defense, probably the best in the Western Lakes Athletics Association, only gave up two big plays, however, that was enough for Canton.

"They're a great team and they're getting better at the right time," said John Glenn Head

Coach Chuck Gordon about Canton. "We played hard all year. Our guys worked hard from that first day on Aug. 11 and never quit.

"We wish it could have ended differently but the guys did a great job for the John Glenn football program."

DeLuca ended the night 10-18 for 140 yards and no interceptions. Although it was a solid performance, his play may have been affected from a first-quarter knee injury that forced him to leave the game for one play.

Canton's much-improved defense held Smitherman, who normally averages more than 200 yards per game, to just 53.

"The defense was a huge part of the victory," Baechler said. "From here on out 40 point games are far and few between and defense is going to play a big part in every game."

The Chiefs will have to play their best game of the year against an undefeated Detroit Catholic Central tomorrow night. C.C. knocked the Chiefs out of the playoffs last year.

"We're happy to be playing in a third round playoff game," Baechler said. "We're excited to play them. It's just another game against a great team. We're just going to do what we've been doing."

# Whalers

FROM PAGE 12

Vellucci said. "It was our third game in a row and it is always tough to play in Saginaw. They had a great crowd and played well, but we scored early and it helped set the tone for the game."

The Whalers' record improved to 10-6-4 for the season.

## Whalers 3, Spirit 0

The night before, Nie recorded his first shutout of the year with 21 saves in the Whalers' first meeting with Saginaw last Saturday night in Plymouth.

The final score was 3-0 with goals from Meidl, Mahon and Collins.

Meidl and Mahon also recorded two assists and James Wisniewski picked up an assist on the Mahon goal.

## Whalers 3, Spitfires 4

It was a rocky start to the weekend as the Windsor Spitfires burned the Whalers 4-3 last Friday night.

David Lomas scored two goals, one off of a power play, and John Scott Dickson added a shorthanded goal for Windsor to take a 3-0 lead in the first period. Vellucci pulled starting goalie Jeff Weber after the first two goals and replaced him with Nie who

allowed the third goal in the first period.

The Whalers struck back in the second period with a power play goal from Ryan Ramsay off of a pass from Wisniewski and John Mitchell. Gino Pisellini knocked in a rebound to narrow Windsor's lead to 3-2 and Ramsay scored his second of the night to tie the game 3-3.

Rob Henniger scored on a penalty shot for Windsor to avoid

overtime with three minutes left in the game. Despite the two Saginaw wins, the Whalers have had trouble with slow starts all season.

"We continue to have slow starts and tonight it hurt us," Vellucci said after the loss. "The guys bat-

ted back and showed a lot of character, but the penalty shot was too much to overcome."

Plymouth will stay at home this weekend and battle the Brampton Battalion tomorrow night and the Sarnia Sting on Saturday night.



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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2003

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: Clerk Payne. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Interim Public Safety Director Smolen, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of eighteen (18).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Hart moved, Herman seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment on the special use approval to construct and operate an electrical and gas utility substation on a parcel of land known as V125-83-045-99-0006-002, zoned AG (Agricultural/Large Estate) and located on the west side of Hannan Road between Ecorse and Haggerty Roads. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and inquired if "gas" is a component of the utility substation. Director Kelley stated no it is only electrical and requested the words "and gas" be stricken. Director Kelley stated DTE Energy is requesting the Board of Trustees to consider and grant special use approval to construct an electrical substation. The property is located in the northeast quadrant of the township on a parcel of land adjoining the Visteon Village Development and adjacent to the International Transmission Corridor. The request is for a substation designed to house up to four XFMR transformer units. Only one will be constructed immediately for use at the Visteon Village and the three future transformers will be constructed as dictated by future electrical demand. The Township recently adopted an amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance with specific requirements for utility substations and this proposed substation project satisfies these requirements. The landscaping requirements will minimize the view from Hannan Road as well as the properties to the south. To the north is the transmission corridor and will not require landscaping. Further, Planning Commission requirements included: 1) Planning Commission approval of the proposed security fencing. 2) Removal of the temporary Hannan Road access drive once the Visteon stub street is constructed. 3) Final site plan approval. The Planning Commission has approved the security fencing. The special use approval needs to be granted by the Board of Trustees before the final site plan can be approved.

Supervisor King stated the substation would service the Visteon site. Director Kelley stated the first transformer would service Visteon Village. Director Kelley further stated during the course of review a storm drain system was located on the property and DTE Energy has revised the original plans to show improvement and replacement to the on-site storm water system to continue to provide the same storm water management.

Board members inquired about the trees and shrubs to be planted. Director Kelly stated evergreens and deciduous trees 8 to 10 feet in height are to be planted as a buffer.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to open the public hearing to consider establishment of a Special Assessment District (SAD) for street lighting in the Visteon Village. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Director Kelley for an explanation. Director Kelley stated this is the first of two actions by the Board of Trustees to establish a Special Assessment District for installing and maintaining overhead street lighting in the Visteon Village Development. This is an option available to developments in the township where DTE Energy will install and maintain overhead street lighting and the corporation is billed annually. This public hearing is to approve the Special Assessment District area and a second public hearing will be held upon approval of the SAD to approve spreading the special assessment to the tax roll. The initial capital outlay will be \$100,291.71 and an annual cost of \$12,776.99 both to be paid by the Visteon Corporation. The Township uses the special assessment process to provide a method to collect payment for street lighting via the property tax bill.

Supervisor King stated the initial capital outlay is for thirty streetlights and clarified the entire SAD is for the Visteon Village Development. Supervisor King further stated the date of the second public hearing is Tuesday, November 18, 2003.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Jahr moved, Herman seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Herman moved, Budd seconded to open the public hearing to consider establishment of a Special Assessment District (SAD) for street lighting in the Briarwood Estates Subdivision. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing stating Briarwood Estates Subdivision is located off Elwell Road between West Huron River Drive and Hull Road and is a fifty-three unit single-family development. The special assessment district would be to install ten streetlights throughout the development. The initial capital outlay will be \$13,503.97 to be paid by the developer. The initial annual cost is \$2,577.52 is to be spread among the fifty-three homes and is to be paid by the homeowners. This is the first public hearing to establish the SAD and a second public hearing to establish the special assessment roll will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2003. Supervisor

King further stated the Board in receipt of petitions signed by the majority of the residents of Briarwood Estates in support of the SAD.

Comments and questions from the audience and the Board as follows: Homeowners of Briarwood Estates voiced concerns with the developer of Briarwood subdivision in regards to the time frame for completion of various tasks associated with completion of the subdivision other than street lighting. Supervisor King stated a meeting with Briarwood homeowners; the developer and Director Kelley would be scheduled. A resident inquired to the location of the streetlights and when they will be installed. Director Kelley stated he has a site layout from DTE Energy with the locations of the streetlights and installation would be in the spring. Another question related to when the Homeowners Association would take over the Association from the developer? Director Kelley stated his preference is after final site plan approval.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Hart moved, Jahr seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

**MINUTES:** Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of October 20, 2003, as presented. Carried.

Hart moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 21, 2003, as presented. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** On Friday, November 28th and Saturday, November 29th members of the Belleville and Van Buren Public Safety Departments will hold their annual Goodfellows paper sale.

A letter of thanks for the assistance provided by the Van Buren Public Safety Department from the Garden City Police Department.

A thank you to Police Officer Valinski from a resident for the assistance related to a flat tire.

Correspondence from the Governors Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports for the grant application the Parks and Recreation has submitted seeking grant opportunities for Get Active Programming for youth.

Correspondence stating the Visteon professional development program volunteer committee recently sponsored a Halloween party for the Girlstown Foundation.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the special use approval recommendation to construct and operate an electrical utility substation on a parcel of land known as V125-83-045-99-0006-002 by DTE Energy and subject to the facts and findings of the Planning Commission, the planning consultant's letter dated September 18, 2003, the engineers letter dated October 15, 2003 and all fees, bonds and permits. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to adopt Resolution 2003-41 to establish a Special Assessment District (SAD) for the purpose of installing and maintaining streetlights in the Visteon Village. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2003-42 to establish a Special Assessment District (SAD) for the purpose of installing and maintaining streetlights in the Briarwood Estates Subdivision. Carried.

Herman moved, Hart seconded to approve the Telecommunication Permit application UT3188833 to permit the installation and construction of underground telecommunication infrastructure as regulated by Chapter 80, Telecommunication, Section 80-1 through 80-34 inclusive, of the General Ordinances of the Charter Township of Van Buren. Carried.

**VOUCHER LIST:** Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the November 4, 2003 voucher list as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:** Supervisor King ordered the September 2003 Budgetary Reports received and filed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Township Administrative Offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

On Tuesday, November 11th Veterans Day ceremonies will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street in the City of Belleville.

The Recreation Department will be holding the '2003 Holiday Arts & Craft Show' on Saturday, December 6th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. A 'Lights Before Christmas' trip to the Toledo Zoo on Friday, November 14th. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 699.8921.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Carried.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
City Clerk

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# Eagles move ahead in division, gear up for Dearborn

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The pressure is on in the Mega Division White as three teams are in the running for the league championship. The Romulus Eagles moved to the head of the pack last week with wins against Edsel Ford and Kennedy, which improved their record to 16-2 overall and 9-1 in league play.

The Eagles were tied for first with Dearborn but a last-second loss to a much-improved Trenton team last Thursday dropped Dearborn to second with an 8-2 league record. Lurking behind Romulus and Dearborn in third place is Garden City with a 7-3 record.

The close records make this a very significant and tough week for the Eagles because they play both Garden City and Dearborn in the final two games of the season.

It's very possible for the Eagles to fall to second or third but, if all goes well, they could reign as league champions.

However, the Eagles' two wins last week and Dearborn's loss gave them a little breathing room.

The Eagles finished last week off with a 58-36 victory over Kennedy.

"We weren't very intense in the first half," said Romulus coach Rhonda McAllister. "We really turned it around in the third quarter. Our defense carried our offense. We didn't do anything different on defense we chose to come out more intense."

Romulus scored a solid 26 points in the first half but nearly matched that with 22 points in the third quarter alone and held Kennedy to a mere four points in that quarter.

Janiece Armstrong led the Eagles with 23 points and Erika Mims added 17 and they each recorded three steals. Mims also nabbed six rebounds. Alicia Harbor scored eight and had eight rebounds for the team.

"I told the team 'we need to be playoff ready. We're going to be fighting for a place in the league and we need to be in playoff mode.'" McAllister said. "We came out and played much better in the second half. The defense's intensity picked up and forced turnovers in the press."

After a long weekend, the Eagles took on Edsel Ford last Tuesday and defeated them 62-40.

Armstrong led the team again with 19 points and five assists. Ashley Sibby added 17 points and had three steals while Mims knocked in 12 points, recorded six assists and

swiped five rebounds. Harbor contributed six points but stayed true to her role as lead rebounder with 12.

"After a long break we came out refreshed," McAllister said. "I was glad to see our intensity pick up. I think the break helped."

"Our transition game was good and everyone contributed. Our bench came out in the fourth quarter and did a great job. It was a nice team effort."

Sophomore Kate Appel came off the bench and scored her first points of the season and junior Kenice Thompson came out and played great defense, McAllister said. She was assigned to Edsel Ford's sharpshooter Megan Jesulaitis who had scored 16 points in the game already.

"I told her not to let her (Jesulaitis) score again and she didn't," McAllister said. "She did pick up three fouls though."

Romulus' intensity, team effort and depth will all be needed this week to hold off Garden City and Dearborn tonight. Dearborn just happens to be the Eagles' only league loss this season, but Romulus was without Armstrong, one of their top scorers.

"It comes down to us to have to win both games," McAllister said. "It's ours to win or it's ours to lose."

# Belleville Tigers fall to Lincoln Park, 49-39, Saline, 72-49

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Belleville Coach Kevin Edwards. "We just couldn't get the ball in the basket."

Lincoln Park outscored Belleville 33-21 in the first half but the Tigers rallied in the second to outscore Lincoln Park 18-16. They held Lincoln Park to just four points in the third but that wasn't enough to steal the victory.

Freshman Danica Holmes led the team with 10 points followed by fellow freshman Taylor Manley with nine points. Junior Tia Lewis contributed with eight

points on the evening.

"I can play Taylor and Danica in different positions," Edwards said. "They've been playing well and handling the ball real well."

The Tigers' scoring picked up along with the pace of the game last Thursday against the Saline Hornets who stung them for a 72-49 road loss.

"It was a very fast-paced game," Edwards said. "Our biggest problem is we couldn't get back down the court fast enough and they scored a lot of baskets

that way."

Belleville had three players in doubles, though, led by Manley and Chelsea Acho with 12 points each and Lewis followed with 10.

Belleville was outscored in every quarter but it was the two points total they scored in the fourth quarter that hurt them the most.

"The girls just couldn't hit the basket," Edwards said. "They even missed easy shots and lay-ups."

The Tigers had Tuesday night

off and will wrap up their regular season against Wyandotte at home tonight.

"Wyandotte is a young team too," Edwards said. "We played them pretty tough the first time we played."

"When we play them this time it will be about us playing better defense and knocking shots down."

The Tigers could use a win before they head into district playoffs Monday night hosted by Wayne Memorial High School.

The trials and tribulations of a young varsity basketball team continued in Belleville as the Tigers dropped two games last week to Saline and Lincoln Park.

Despite outscoring Lincoln Park in the second half, Belleville couldn't overcome the Rail Splitters' first half lead and fell 49-39 in their meeting last Tuesday.

"Our defense was OK," said

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# BUSINESS

## Grilled to perfection New restaurant caters to health conscious lunch and dinner crowd

Meghan Chatham  
Staff Writer

The taste of Middle Eastern cuisine now provides Plymouth residents with a healthy, low cost alternative to fast food, thanks to restaurant newcomer Pita Fresh.

Located in the Sheldon Place Shopping Center on the southwest corner of Sheldon and Five Mile, Pita Fresh opened for business about three months ago.

"I came here because it was a growing area and a good community," said owner Moe Hermiz.

Since that time, he says that business has been increasing largely because of word of mouth advertising.

"We get a lot of repeat customers," said Hermiz. "I won't serve anything that I wouldn't eat, and I treat customers the way I want to be treated."

It is a concept that has worked to his advantage through the years. He said that he has been in the restaurant business for eight years, and is the owner of another

restaurant, the Flaming Kabob, in Southfield.

According to Hermiz, the business has already received numerous compliments from patrons. In fact, he said that for a recent radio commercial, the store used real customers to advertise the restaurant, rather than actors paid to tout the virtues of the food.

He attributes the of the restaurant appeal largely to the health value of the food.

"Our food is very healthy, very tasty, and made fresh daily," said Hermiz. "We have no fryers in our kitchen, and almost no frozen food."

In addition, he said that rapid service, consistent quality, and large quantities help to attract people.

"We have a very nice atmosphere with fast service. Where else can you get a meal in three to four minutes that you see get cooked fresh?" said Hermiz.

This atmosphere is very important to Hermiz, who wants the restaurant to look



Customers seeking a healthy alternative to fast food have welcomed the new Pita Fresh in the Sheldon Place Shopping Center. The new restaurant opened about three months ago and has already developed a steady clientele, according to owner Moe Hermiz.

as good as the food tastes.

"If you are proud of what you've got, you should show it," he said, adding that the restaurant features an open kitchen so that guests can see how their food is prepared.

While they wait, customers have the opportunity to enjoy the complimentary snack bar.

"The minute you walk in you can have something to eat," said Hermiz. He added that since people are hungry when they arrive, not making them wait to eat is an

easy way to help people enjoy their visit.

With many meals under \$7, and week-day lunch specials for \$4.99, the restaurant offers a low-cost option for lunch or dinner.

Although business is steadily increasing, Hermiz said the best is yet to come.

"We get a lot of response at lunch, but dinner is a little weak still," he said, adding that this is normal progress within the industry.

"It takes a new restaurant a lot of time to build a customer base," he said.

## Canton cemetery offers to help victims of scandal

Sharon Emeigh  
Staff Writer

Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton Township offers hope to the victims of a recent cemetery scandal, which left families out of money and a final resting place for their loved ones.

Knollwood will offer free space in their new mausoleum on a case-by-case basis to help those who were cheated after 28 Michigan cemeteries, owned by a Grosse Pointe lawyer, sold burial plots and did not provide them to customers.

"With all of the recent bad news involving cemeteries failing to keep their promises to mausoleum customers, we are proud to be able to offer a brand new facility that is already built," said Debbie Parinello, manager at Knollwood.

Knollwood Memorial Parks

celebrated the completion of the 'New Fishers of Men Mausoleum' last month.

The cemetery is located at 1299 Ridge Road, a quarter-mile south of Ford Road and west of Ridge Road.

The New Fishers of Men Mausoleum is the first in Michigan to create a large-scale bronze mural at the entrance to the mausoleum, according to Sam Tocco, senior, manager at Knollwood.

The mural portrays the biblical scene of Jesus turning the fishermen into fishers of men, which is the reference in the mausoleum title, said Tocco. Matthews International from West Virginia created the mural.

The mausoleum, which is the only one located in Canton, according to Tocco, will be completed in three phases. He said a different biblical scene would

represent each phase. The second phase will depict John the Baptist baptizing in the River Jordan. The third phase will depict The Last Supper.

When complete, the mausoleum will contain 2,400 crypts and about 3,000 niches, said Tocco.

The New Fishers of Men phase has about 350 crypts and 400 niches, said Tocco.

Established in 1968, the cemetery has been family owned for three generations starting with Tocco's father. Now, Tocco's son, Sam Anthony Tocco, runs the business.

He said that he is determined not to let one bad apple spoil the bushel.

Whenever Knollwood Cemetery operators hear of a tragedy on the news or someone without insurance or money comes to them, they always offer their ser-

vices, he said.

"We never turn a family away," Tocco said.

Knollwood also plans to continue to communicate with the Cemetery Commission charged with retrieving funds patrons

paid at Cadillac Gardens East in Clinton Township and the 27 other cemeteries involved, said Tocco.

More information about Knollwood is available at 734-494-0400.

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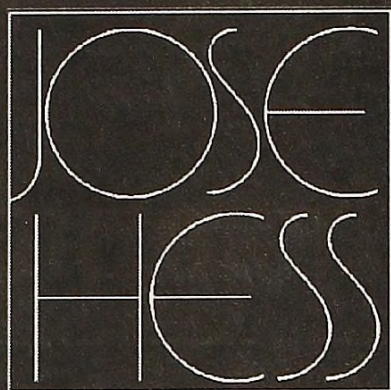
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